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**Westbrook Man Sentenced on Federal Drug Charges**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Michael J. Lovely**, 40, of Westbrook, Maine, was sentenced on March 12<sup>th</sup> in U.S. District Court in Portland to 210 months imprisonment and 5 years supervised release, for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and marijuana, and possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. Lovely pleaded guilty on October 11, 2006.

According to court records, from approximately May 2006 to July 2, 2006, Lovely and his co-defendant, Ryan Butterworth, conspired to distribute crack cocaine and marijuana. The two men sold drugs out of the apartment they shared in Westbrook. A search warrant executed on July 2, 2006 at the apartment yielded approximately 5 grams of crack cocaine hidden inside a false soda can, marijuana and a variety of drug paraphernalia. Butterworth was sentenced on February 22, 2007 to 20 years imprisonment on the same drug charges.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, the Maine State Police, the Buxton Police Department and the Portland Police Department.

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